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Ms. Marisol R. Simon Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320 Chicago, IL 60606

Mr. Robert F. Tally, Jr. **Division Administrator** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 575 North Pennsylvania Street, Room 254 Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: FY2010 - FY2013 Indiana State Transportation Improvement Program (INSTIP) Transit Amendment # 14

Dear Administrators:

Please find attached a Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP amendment which needs to be approved and included into the FY 2010 Indiana Transportation Improvement Program. We will reflect by reference the 2010-2013 federal aid projects covered by this approval in our 2010-2013 INSTIP. The amendment is for the Fort Wayne MPO and the Minutes of the Advisory Board were signed on November 9, 2010. The project is for an additional \$1.5 million in federal funds for the Downtown Transfer Station Construction.

Section 5307 Amended Project

Project	Original	Revised	Difference
Description	Federal	Federal	
Downtown Transfer Station Construction (FY 2011)	\$2,900,000	\$4,400,000	\$1,500,000

We have determined that the proposed amendments are: 1) consistent with the transportation plan; 2) the TIP remains fiscally constrained in that federal funding resources are sufficient to support the new or modified projects and 3) conform to state and national air quality standards as required by the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

We request your review and approval of the subject amendment. Please contact me at (317) 232-5292 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lang Bukel Larry Buckel, Manager Office of Transit

CC: Dan Avery, Fort Wayne MPO

> Ken Housden, Citilink Reggie Arkell, FTA

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			Previously approved funds	*Citilink - Capital Equipment Purchases Downtown Transfer Station Construction		011-2014
			5307	ALA VILA	FUND TYPE	TIP /
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URBAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes: November 9, 2010

The Urban Transportation Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at 1 West Superior Street, Conference Room, Allen County Highway Department.

The following were present. Members (voting):

Member Dave Ross Member John Leckie Member Linda Bloom Member Pam Holocher Member William Hartman Member Tory Richardson Member Ken Housden Member Susan Hoot

Members (non-voting):

Member Joyce Newland Member Jerry Halperin

The following were not present. Members (voting):

Member Bruce Boxberger Member Terry McDonald Member Robert Armstrong Member Bob Kennedy

Staff members present were Dan Avery, Executive Director, Jeff Bradtmiller, Senior Transportation Planner and Judy Bennett, Secretary. Ben Lanka, Eli Samaan, Mitch Hansel, L.W. Dailey, Jr., Bruce Johnson, Kienan O'Rourke, Adam Henry, Tom Walls, Mike Thornson and Shan Gunawardena were also present.

Mr. Ross brought the meeting to order. The first item of business was approval of the September 7, 2010, minutes. Mr. Richardson moved the minutes be approved. Ms. Holocher seconded the motion and it carried.

The next item of business was the Progress in Implementing the Present TIP. Mr. Avery gave a brief report before the updates and passed around a Project Status Report used as part of the quarterly project tracking process.

Mr. Leckie gave the report for the Indiana Department of Transportation. He reported that the US 24 Fort to Port Project (Phase 1) has been let and awarded to E & B Paving for \$16,452,359.85. The ARRA landscaping on various two lane roads within the Fort Wayne District has been let and awarded to Townsend Co. for \$115,974.00. There was no change on the I-69 at I-69 and State Road 1 (Dupont Road) Interchange, Southwest Ramp project. There was no change on the I-469 road rehabilitation with bridge deck overlays project. The State Road 14 added lanes project letting is scheduled for November 2011. The I-69 at Union Chapel

Road Interchange construction project is in right of way phase. The present letting date is scheduled for the spring of 2012. There was no change on the US 27 Southbound curves at Westbrook and Elizabeth streets project. The letting is scheduled for February of 2012. There was no change on the US 24 west of I-69 (Liberty Mills Road) to east of I-69 (Lutheran Hospital) project. The letting is scheduled for July of 2012. There was no change on the Covington Road Bridge over I-69 project. The letting is scheduled for October of 2012. The letting is currently scheduled for November of 2012 on the I-69 at I-69 and State Road I (Dupont Road) Interchange.

Mr. Hartman gave the report for Allen County. He reported that the Aboite Center Road project east phase is under construction and targeted to open November 19, 2010. The ARRA resurfacing and guardrail projects are complete except paperwork. The Bass Road project is in the preliminary engineering phase with 40% of the work done. The Bethel-Till-Hugueard intersection improvement project preliminary engineering contract has been authorized by INDOT. The Bostick Road Bridge (#268) restoration rehabbed truss has been assembled, painted, repositioned over the river and is ready for deck assembly. The Bostick Road Bridge (#262) contractor is Primeo. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2010. The Coverdale Road (including Bridge #232) and Coverdale Bridge #231 are in right of way acquisition with 23 of 28 right of way parcels acquired. They are addressing drainage issues. The Dawkins Road Bridge project preliminary engineering is 95% complete. The Flutter Road preliminary engineering is 90% complete. Right of way acquisition is underway with 85 parcels affected on this project. The Gump Road project preliminary engineering is 70% complete. INDOT authorized Beam, Longest & Neff for right of way acquisition services. They will seek additional funds for follow up on the Hoagland Safe Routes to School project in the future. The Maplecrest Road project last beams over the river will be set this week. They will be pouring half of the deck next week as well as the new lagoon entrance. Adams Center Road will be open mid December. The Monroeville Road Bridge construction is 99% complete. The Spring Street Bridge-Leesburg Road Intersection project State Road 3 plans have been approved by INDOT. They are working on the water line agreement with the Norfolk Southern Railroad people. The Wabash & Erie Canal Towpath Trail Phase IV is approximately 35% complete. They are addressing soil issues.

Mr. Avery gave the report for the City of New Haven. He reported that they are moving toward acquisition of right of way on the Moeller Road project. The Landin Road project is still in the design phase and progress is being made on the Depot project.

Mr. Ross gave the report for the City of Fort Wayne. He reported that all project construction is complete and they are waiting for final inspection by INDOT on the ARRA projects. The Auburn Road project preliminary engineering is substantially complete and 8 of 10 parcels have been acquired in the right of way phase. The Lake Avenue Road Diet (reducing Lake Avenue from four lanes to three lanes) from Anthony Boulevard to Stanley Drive project consultant negotiations is underway. The Maplecrest Road project preliminary engineering Stage 1 is ready to submit. The Maysville Road and Stellhorn Road intersection project study report has been submitted. Minor additions are in process. Mr. Avery said a roundabout is being considered here. Ms. Holocher asked about TIF dollars. Mr. Avery said they will be used on this project. They will have a meeting to continue with the State Boulevard project. US 27 Bridge over St. Mary's River is near completion. Preliminary engineering and right of way is complete on the Washington Center Road at Darmouth Drive project. The Maplecrest Road: Lake Avenue to State Boulevard preliminary engineering is ready to submit. Mr. Hartman asked about the Lake

Avenue Road Diet. Mr. Avery explained that Rudisill Boulevard is an example of this. The Board agreed that was working well.

Mr. Gunawardena gave the report for City of Fort Wayne – Traffic Engineering Projects. Standard signal upgrade on 13 intersections is complete. Project development is underway on 283 intersections for systemwide controller upgrade. Construction is complete on Waynedale signal interconnection for 31 intersections. Lake Avenue Road Diet consultant negotiations are underway and the project may be done next summer. Project development is underway on Downtown CBD pedestrian indications Phase I, Phase II and crosswalk upgrade.

Ms. Holocher asked if Tom Walls could provide an update on the Anthony Boulevard grade separation project. Mr. Walls reported that a group e-mailing would be going out advising of a meeting on November 18th hosted by the City of Fort Wayne regarding grade separation on the Anthony Boulevard railroad tracks. DLZ will make a presentation at the meeting and public input will be sought.

Ms. Ritchie was not available to give a Greenway Update. She did send a handout of updates that was distributed to the members.

Mr. Housden gave the report for Citilink. He reported that the Downtown Transfer Station environmental is complete. They are starting design and securing the necessary permits. There will be public hearings when a design and site plan is drafted. The Barr Street and Jefferson site property will be placed on the market. Citilink is cleaning up some of the outstanding grants that were intended to help pay for the transfer station. He stated that Citilink will have virtually all new buses in about a year from now with the additional grant funds. The new hybrid buses are using 40% less fuel.

Mr. Richardson gave the report for the airport. He reported on three projects. He said the Northwest Perimeter Road project is wrapping up within the next couple of weeks. The Smith Field runway project will be open next week. They are actively working on their master plan study and should have an update by November 15, 2010. The Airport Authority is also completing the terminal door ADA modifications project and will be going out for bids on the food and beverage concession project. Mr. Avery stated that Tory has agreed to update the Board on the Airport Master plan sometime after the first of the year.

The next item of business was the Walk Fort Wayne Plan. Ms. Holocher introduced Mr. Johnson and Mr. O'Rourke. Mr. Johnson gave a brief overview. This is an amendment to Plan It Allen Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 2007. The bicycle plan titled Bike Fort Wayne has already been adopted. The Walk Fort Wayne Plan addresses pedestrian traffic with an emphasis on connectivity and access to neighborhoods. He presented several slides depicting examples of locations where sidewalks have been built. A map was displayed that showed gaps in the sidewalk system that accounts for approximately 350 miles of missing sidewalks. The Plan includes goals, policies and a pedestrian connectivity needs map that identifies projects to be implemented over the next ten years. Mr. Johnson discussed the various sections in the plan. Mr. O'Rourke presented an overview of how the plan was developed. He stated that public input was sought through a survey and they met with the Neighborhood Partnerships. An advisory team was used that included representatives from many different agencies. The team helped identify Pedestrian Generating Areas where pedestrian activity is expected to be high. A number of corridors were identified and prioritized. A pedestrian connectivity needs map was prepared

that identified the specific projects and also assisted in the prioritization process. Mr. O'Rourke presented several examples of projects that have already been implemented. Ms. Holocher asked if the Board would endorse this Plan. Mr. Ross noted that all major road projects currently include sidewalks. Ms. Bloom recommended the Board endorse this plan. Ms. Hoot seconded the recommendation and it carried.

The next item of business was the Transportation Plan – Project Update. Mr. Avery presented two projects that have the potential to be funded. He stated that both projects are in the Transportation Plan in the illustrative list of projects that have been identified as a needed improvement, but for which funding was not committed. He wished to discuss them now because the Plan may need to be amended quickly in December assuming that air quality conformity can be met. The first project includes a modification to the US 30/US33 Interchange that would replace the southbound to eastbound ramp with a loop in the southwest quadrant of the interchange. The project would provide additional room for weaving movements between the US30/US33 Interchange and the US 30/I-69 Interchange. The second project is on State Road 930 Coliseum Boulevard between Parnell Avenue and Crescent Avenue. The project would include an additional travel lane in each direction to increase the roadway capacity. The project would include widening the bridge over the St. Joseph River and re-establish a left-turn lane at the Anthony Boulevard/IPFW Entrance to permit east bound to north bound left turns into the Campus. Ms. Holocher asked if bicycle and pedestrian facilities would be part of the project. Mr. Avery stated that for safety reasons they are not included as part of the State Road 930 project. There are ample bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the campus, and additional facilities are being planned. It is not desirable to mix bicycles and pedestrians on the limited access roadway. Ms. Holocher did note that the students want to ride their bikes. Mr. Housden said that Campus Link is growing and the additional lanes would be helpful to Citilink. Mr. Avery said that both of these projects would need to move quickly if the funding came through. Mr. Leckie said they are waiting for funding to be approved on the projects so they can be placed in the TIP.

The next item of business was the TIP Amendments. Mr. Avery reported the only amendment was for the Downtown Transfer Station construction. Mr. Housden reported that in addition to the 2.9 million dollars in federal money grants from previous years, Citilink was requesting an additional 1.5 million in federal funds be programmed for the project. Ms. Holocher moved that this be approved. Ms. Bloom seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Avery passed around the calendar for next year and asked everyone to review it. The next meeting will be December 7, 2010.

There being no further business, Mr. Ross adjourned the meeting.

Daniel S. Avery Executive Director

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